

A Good Job Changes Everything

A good job is more than a paycheck. It is essential to creating a stable, safe and educated community. And for many, it is a lifeline. WHW, formerly known as *Women Helping Women*, has spent the last 25 years empowering over 90,000 Job Seekers to get and keep good jobs. Good jobs mean safe housing; good jobs mean healthy meals; good jobs mean better education and good jobs mean quality healthcare. Since 2010, demand for WHW services has increased by over 600%. A good job is not the solution to every problem in our society, but a good job is the solution to many of them.

Driven by the vision of seeing everyone in Orange County who wants to work gainfully employed, WHW made a critical shift in organizational funding in 2012, decreasing dependence on government funding from 80% to 0% and increasing individual contributions and grants to 80%. This move placed WHW in a strong position to direct its own course, to deliver highly effective programs with measurable impacts. And for those who financially partner with WHW, the return on investment is unsurpassed. Ninety cents of every dollar donated to WHW goes directly to Employment Readiness programs. In 2016-2017, WHW Job Seekers earned over \$81 million in wages, while saving over \$19.8 million in entitlement payments.

While funding increased, expenses were decreased through effective use of technology and implementation of best practices. With the time and talent contribution of over 2,000 volunteers, WHW provides comprehensive Employment Readiness Services to over 8,000 Job Seekers each year at no charge. But delivering services is not enough for the organization. It's the impact that matters.

Over 80% of WHW Job Seekers are employed within three months and after participating in WHW Services and obtaining employment, the household income of WHW Job Seekers increases by over 300%. A good job changes everything, not just for the Job Seeker, but for their family as well as our entire community! For more information about WHW and how you can get involved, please visit whw.org.

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About WHW: WHW (*formerly known as Women Helping Women*) is a 501(c)(3) that provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served over 90,000 job seekers referred by over 275 partner agencies at no charge. Each year thousands of job seekers participate in programs focused on making them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Assistance and Professional Apparel. For more information on WHW and how you can support their Job Seekers, please visit www.whw.org.